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Town Clerk: Mr. C. P. Wayman

Tuesday, 14 July 2015

Councillor,

You are summoned to a meeting of the **Environment Committee** of Buckingham Town Council will be held on **Monday 20th July 2015** at 7pm in the Town Council Chamber, Cornwall's Meadow, Buckingham.

Mr. C. P. Wayman
Town Clerk

Please note that the Environment Committee meeting will be preceded by Public Session lasting for a maximum of 15 minutes, in accordance with Standing Order 1.3.

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

Members are asked to receive and accept apologies from members.

2. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of any personal or prejudicial interest under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 Sections 26-34 & Schedule 4.

3. Minutes

To receive the minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 1st June 2015 and approved at Full Council on the 29th June 2015.

Copy previously circulated

4. Action Report

To receive the report and note the updated information.

Appendix A

5. Budgets

To receive the latest figures

Appendix B

6. Cemetery

To receive a written request for a memorial bench

Appendix C

7. Green Flag Standard

To receive a written report from the Deputy Town Clerk – requirements to achieve **E/13/15**

Buckingham



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Members are reminded to declare any prejudicial interest as soon as it becomes apparent

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| 8. Dog Bin Provision for Town
To receive a written report from the Green Spaces Manager | E/14/15 |
| 9. Provision of Table tennis table
To receive a written report from the Green Spaces Manager | E/15/15 |
| 10. Community Centre and Football pitch at Lace Hill
To receive a verbal report from the Green Spaces Manager | |
| 11. Chandos Park
To receive an email regarding the MUGA and agree action | Appendix D |
| 12. Rural Vulnerability Service – Fuel Poverty June 2015
To receive a publication from the Rural Services Network and discuss possible Projects | Appendix E |
| 13. Access Awareness
To receive a verbal report from Cllr Strain-Clark | |
| 14. News Releases | |
| 15. Chair’s Announcements | |
| 16. Date of Next Meeting: Monday 7 th September 2015. | |

To:

Cllr. Ms. J. Bates
Cllr. T. Bloomfield
Cllr. G. Collins
Cllr. P. Collins
Cllr. J. Harvey
Cllr. P. Hirons
Cllr. D. Isham – Vice Chairman
Cllr. A. Mahi - Mayor

Cllr. Ms. R. Newell – Chairman
Cllr. Mrs. L. O’Donoghue
Cllr. M. Smith
Cllr. Mrs. C. Strain-Clark
Cllr. R. Stuchbury

APPENDIX A

Minute No	Action Required	Action Taken	Result
215/11, 334/11 & 709/14	Discussion Paper – Renewable Energy	Report regarding fuel poverty – Solar panels for Community centre. Issue with testing of roof to be resolved	
737.2 & 344/13	Cemetery Paths	Prices to be sought for a replacement of all paths, budgets to be set aside in earmarked reserves for the replacement footpath	Out to Tender – back next meeting
741/11	Chandos Park lime trees	GSM to produce report regarding planting a replacement row of trees as one of the lime trees had to be removed	To be within Chandos Park Management Plan
481/12	BMX Track	Look into possibilities for new BMX track and if it could be included in the Neighbourhood plan	Incorporated in S106 agreement for Moreton Rd. ph.3
396/09, 695/09, 221/13, 79/14	Devolved Services	Agreement under way	
878/13, 598/12, 199/14;830/14	Bourton Ponds Project	Public being consulted as to opinion of proposed plans, funding being sought,	Ongoing
329/14	Mount Pleasant pavilion	Write to AVDC and scouts to ask for an update on what is happening with the building	
330/14	Ken Tagg Play Area	Replacement of play equipment	Awaiting application for S106 funding
580/14	Purchase or rental of New Premises	investigate the purchasing or rental of suitable premises	Ongoing
581/14 836/14	Dog Bins	Purchase and locate 4 new dog Bins, Carry out survey of town centre areas	On agenda
705/14 326/10 & 218/13	Cemetery Burial Space	Report to be brought to committee regarding further provision	
708/14, 87/15	Bollards at Church	Parking issue on grass to side of Church	Ongoing
831/14 & 93/15	Chris Nicholls Walk	Seek information on ownership and possibility of taking over	Ongoing
832/14	MVAS sign	Purchase and install 2 nd sign	On order
839/14	Tennis Table	Investigate permanent tables for parks, location identified.	on agenda
90/15	Entrance signs for Bourton Park	get prices for entrance signage to areas of Bourton park and information boards	
92/15	Sports Pitch Provision	Meeting to be held with AVDC and sports clubs to facilitate need for facilities in town	Meeting on 24 th July 6:30pm at Chamber
88/15	Land registry – back of Treefields		BCC does not own and won't pursue registration
99/15	Speeding	Letter to respond to from Winslow resident	Letter issued

Items not started

ongoing items

completed items

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Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 31/07/2015

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Committee Report

	Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% of Budget	
ENVIRONMENT								
<u>201</u>	<u>ENVIRONMENT</u>							
4068	COMMUNITY SERVICE	6,980	0	6,750	6,750	6,750	0.0 %	
4069	GRIT / SALT BINS	0	0	1,800	1,800	900	50.0 %	
4101	SEATS AND BINS	576	0	3,000	3,000	3,000	0.0 %	
4112	ENVIRONMENT EQUIPMENT	5,800	1,608	6,000	4,392	24	4,368	27.2 %
4118	GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL	300	0	360	360	360	0.0 %	
	ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	13,656	1,608	17,910	16,302	924	15,378	14.1 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	13,656	1,608	17,910	16,302			
<u>202</u>	<u>ROUNDBABOUTS</u>							
4108	ROUNDBABOUT	7,924	2,401	10,000	7,599	6,038	1,562	84.4 %
	ROUNDBABOUTS :- Expenditure	7,924	2,401	10,000	7,599	6,038	1,562	84.4 %
1051	ROUNDBABOUT NO 1 OPEN	1,982	2,014	2,032	-18			99.1 %
1052	ROUNDBABOUT NO 2 ELLA	1,057	1,074	1,547	-473			69.4 %
1053	ROUNDBABOUT NO 3	1,735	1,762	1,778	-16			99.1 %
1054	ROUNDBABOUT NO 4 R & B	0	0	2,211	-2,211			0.0 %
1056	ROUNDBABOUT NO 6 EUROLANE	2,367	2,405	2,426	-21			99.1 %
1057	ROUNDBABOUT NO 7 RING ROAD	1,207	1,226	1,237	-11			99.1 %
	ROUNDBABOUTS :- Income	8,348	8,482	11,231	-2,749			75.5 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	-424	-6,081	-1,231	4,850			
<u>203</u>	<u>MAINTENANCE</u>							
4063	VEHICLE HIRE AND RUNNING	3,880	838	6,000	5,162		5,162	14.0 %
4082	ALLOTMENTS	1,500	1,500	1,500	0		0	100.0 %
4102	DOG BINS	2,867	0	4,000	4,000		4,000	0.0 %
	MAINTENANCE :- Expenditure	8,247	2,338	11,500	9,162	0	9,162	20.3 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	8,247	2,338	11,500	9,162			
<u>204</u>	<u>DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES</u>							
4124	DEVOLVED SERVICES	0	11,259	29,770	18,511	3,572	14,939	49.8 %
	DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Expenditure	0	11,259	29,770	18,511	3,572	14,939	49.8 %
1017	DEVOLVED SERVICES INCOME	17,750	0	32,000	-32,000			0.0 %
	DEVOLVED SERVICES EXPENSES :- Income	17,750	0	32,000	-32,000			0.0 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	-17,750	11,259	-2,230	-13,489			

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<u>250</u> <u>PLAYING FIELDS</u>							
4050 MAINTENANCE OF FIELDS	0	760	7,500	6,740		6,740	10.1 %
PLAYING FIELDS :- Expenditure	0	760	7,500	6,740	0	6,740	10.1 %
Net Expenditure over Income	0	760	7,500	6,740			
<u>251</u> <u>CHANDOS PARK</u>							
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	139	199	500	301		301	39.8 %
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	6,890	1,879	7,180	5,301		5,301	26.2 %
4602 ELECTRICITY	371	0	500	500		500	0.0 %
4603 WATER	2,313	495	1,500	1,005		1,005	33.0 %
4605 HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	15,014	3,814	15,470	11,656	11,441	216	98.6 %
CHANDOS PARK :- Expenditure	24,727	6,387	25,150	18,763	11,441	7,323	70.9 %
1030 BOWLS INCOME	550	0	550	-550			0.0 %
1035 TENNIS COURT RENT	625	0	750	-750			0.0 %
CHANDOS PARK :- Income	1,175	0	1,300	-1,300			0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income	23,552	6,387	23,850	17,463			
<u>252</u> <u>BOURTON PARK</u>							
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	359	334	500	166		166	66.8 %
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	9,614	142	12,000	11,858	1,855	10,003	16.6 %
4605 HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	26,084	6,625	26,867	20,242	19,876	366	98.6 %
4708 PLAY EQUIPMENT	39,095	0	0	0		0	0.0 %
BOURTON PARK :- Expenditure	75,151	7,101	39,367	32,266	21,731	10,535	73.2 %
1078 NEW HOMES BONUS	38,513	0	0	0			0.0 %
BOURTON PARK :- Income	38,513	0	0	0			
Net Expenditure over Income	36,638	7,101	39,367	32,266			
<u>253</u> <u>CEMETERY</u>							
4225 RATES	2,251	288	1,300	1,012		1,012	22.2 %
4601 REPAIRS& MAINTENANCE FUND	2,725	1,010	4,760	3,750		3,750	21.2 %
4602 ELECTRICITY	295	459	400	-59		-59	114.6 %
4605 HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	21,746	5,523	22,510	16,987	16,570	416	98.2 %
4620 EXPENSES RE BURIAL DUTIES	3,489	2,460	5,000	2,540		2,540	49.2 %
CEMETERY :- Expenditure	30,506	9,740	33,970	24,230	16,570	7,660	77.5 %
1041 BURIAL FEES	12,486	4,970	10,000	-5,030			49.7 %
1045 CEMETERY WAR GRAVES COMM	60	0	60	-60			0.0 %
CEMETERY :- Income	12,546	4,970	10,060	-5,090			49.4 %
Net Expenditure over Income	17,960	4,770	23,910	19,140			

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<u>254 CHANDOS PARK TOILETS</u>							
4612	CONTRACTOR CHARGE	11,984	0	12,500	12,500	12,500	0.0 %
4709	MAINTENANCE	1,035	0	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0 %
CHANDOS PARK TOILETS :- Expenditure		13,019	0	13,500	13,500	0	0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income		13,019	0	13,500	13,500		
<u>255 RAILWAY WALK</u>							
4120	BTCV GRANT PAYMENT	434	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	1,478	347	1,500	1,153	1,153	23.1 %
RAILWAY WALK :- Expenditure		1,913	347	3,500	3,153	0	9.9 %
Net Expenditure over Income		1,913	347	3,500	3,153		
<u>256 STORAGE PREMISES</u>							
4053	GRENVILLE	0	0	650	650	650	0.0 %
4073	COLLEGE FARM	3,250	0	3,250	3,250	3,250	0.0 %
STORAGE PREMISES :- Expenditure		3,250	0	3,900	3,900	0	0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income		3,250	0	3,900	3,900		
<u>257 KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND</u>							
4106	PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	231	65	500	435	435	13.0 %
4122	TREE WORKS	0	0	500	500	500	0.0 %
4123	PLAYGROUND REFURBISHMENT	0	0	40,000	40,000	40,000	0.0 %
4605	HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	1,024	260	1,150	890	780	109 90.5 %
KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Expenditure		1,255	325	42,150	41,825	780	41,044 2.6 %
1079	GRANTS FOR PLAYGROUND	0	0	40,000	-40,000		0.0 %
KEN TAGG PLAYGROUND :- Income		0	0	40,000	-40,000		0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income		1,255	325	2,150	1,825		
<u>258 CEMETERY LODGE</u>							
4034	PWLB REPAYMANTS INCL	4,702	0	4,702	4,702	4,702	0.0 %
4225	RATES	-1,309	0	0	0	0	0.0 %
4609	CEMETERY LODGE MAINT	0	0	500	500	500	0.0 %
CEMETERY LODGE :- Expenditure		3,394	0	5,202	5,202	0	5,202 0.0 %
1061	CEMTERY LODGE RENTAL	8,436	2,363	8,000	-5,637		29.5 %
CEMETERY LODGE :- Income		8,436	2,363	8,000	-5,637		29.5 %
Net Expenditure over Income		-5,042	-2,363	-2,798	-435		

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<u>259</u> <u>OTTERS BROOK</u>							
4106 PLAY AREA MAINTENANCE	70	134	500	366		366	26.8 %
4122 TREE WORKS	0	80	230	150		150	34.8 %
4605 HORTICULTURAL CONTRACT	3,262	829	3,360	2,531	2,486	46	98.6 %
OTTERS BROOK :- Expenditure	3,332	1,042	4,090	3,048	2,486	562	86.3 %
Net Expenditure over Income	3,332	1,042	4,090	3,048			
<u>260</u> <u>CCTV</u>							
4100 CCTV ONGOING COSTS	696	0	1,002	1,002		1,002	0.0 %
CCTV :- Expenditure	696	0	1,002	1,002	0	1,002	0.0 %
Net Expenditure over Income	696	0	1,002	1,002			
ENVIRONMENT :- Expenditure	187,070	43,308	248,511	205,203	63,542	141,661	43.0 %
Income	86,768	15,814	102,591	-86,777			15.4 %
Net Expenditure over Income	100,302	27,494	145,920	118,426			

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<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>								
901	<u>EARMARKED RESERVES</u>							
9006	NAG	78	0	1,598	1,598	1,598	0.0 %	
9009	CAPITAL RESERVE	0	0	110,000	110,000	110,000	0.0 %	
9011	WAR MEMORIAL	750	0	931	931	931	0.0 %	
9012	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	0	0	4,369	4,369	4,369	0.0 %	
9013	YOUTH PROJECTS	0	0	3,270	3,270	3,270	0.0 %	
9015	CHARTER FAIRS	0	372	11,140	10,768	10,768	3.3 %	
9018	REPAIR OF FOOTPATHS	28,035	0	5,931	5,931	2,965	2,966	50.0 %
9019	MEMORIAL TESTING	2,663	0	2,874	2,874	2,874	0.0 %	
9025	PLAY AREA REPLACEMENT	0	0	17,121	17,121	17,121	0.0 %	
9026	TRIM TRAIL	4,810	0	0	0	0	0.0 %	
9027	GREEN BUCKINGHAM GROUP	0	0	226	226	226	0.0 %	
9029	CIRCULAR WALK MAINT	8,894	0	5,247	5,247	5,247	0.0 %	
9030	TOURISM LEAFLETS	524	0	3,402	3,402	3,402	0.0 %	
9031	YOUTH MUSIC EVENT	0	0	1,200	1,200	1,200	0.0 %	
9032	BUCK NEIGHBOURHOOD DEV	10,242	0	18,601	18,601	18,601	0.0 %	
9033	DESTINATION BUCKINGHAM	4,631	1,761	4,815	3,054	3,054	36.6 %	
9034	RIVER AND POND MAINTENANCE	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	0.0 %	
9035	PARKS DEVELOPMENT	14,315	11,355	32,129	20,774	20,774	35.3 %	
9036	ELECTION COSTS	0	0	6,000	6,000	6,000	0.0 %	
9037	JUBILEE BOOK	0	0	1,600	1,600	1,600	0.0 %	
9038	NEW VEHICLE	0	15,180	28,995	13,815	13,815	52.4 %	
9039	BARRIERS FOR EVENTS	0	0	3,168	3,168	560	2,608	17.7 %
9040	PARK RUN	-250	98	250	152	152	39.2 %	
9041	MVAS	-1,177	84	1,177	1,093	2,571	-1,478	225.5 %
9042	HOSTING OF TWINNING EVENT	0	0	2,000	2,000	2,000	0.0 %	
9043	NEW BAGS AND LEAFLETS	0	0	1,532	1,532	1,532	0.0 %	
9044	COMEDY NIGHT	0	0	2,057	2,057	2,057	0.0 %	
	EARMARKED RESERVES :- Expenditure	73,515	28,850	274,633	245,783	6,096	239,686	12.7 %
1070	DESTINATION BUCKINGHAM	10,000	0	0	0			0.0 %
	EARMARKED RESERVES :- Income	10,000	0	0	0			
	Net Expenditure over Income	63,515	28,850	274,633	245,783			
	EARMARKED RESERVES :- Expenditure	73,515	28,850	274,633	245,783	6,096	239,686	12.7 %
	Income	10,000	0	0	0			0.0 %
	Net Expenditure over Income	63,515	28,850	274,633	245,783			

Green Spaces Manager

From: Christine Aymard [mailto:christine.aymard@buckingham-tc.gov.uk]
Sent: 17 June 2015 14:57
To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Subject: Re: Memorial bench at Cemetery

Dear Lee,

Thank you very much for this.

I would indeed like you to take to the committee a special request to have something slightly different for Toby.

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to request a bench in memorial of my son, Toby Fairclough, aged 17, who was buried in the Cemetery on 12th June of this year.

Because of the traumatic nature of Toby's death, I have tried to give his friends a focus to help them through their grief. They have therefore started fundraising for a bench to be erected by Toby's graveside in his memory.

Having visited Toby's grave already, they had set their hearts on the covered bench already erected near his grave... I have however been informed by Mr Philips that the rules have changed recently and that this is not the 'standard' bench permitted.

Given the exceptional circumstances, and the particular positioning of Toby's grave in relation to the existing covered bench, I would implore the committee to please grant us permission to erect exactly the same covered bench along the wall, next to Toby's grave.

This would allow that existing bench to be seen as a pair, hence stand out less 'oddly'. It would also provide better shelter for the many mourners in this more exposed part of the graveyard.

I also believe an additional benefit of this more enclosed model is that it would act as a sound barrier from any noise arising from the high number of visitors expected.

Finally, as Toby's bench would be erected at the end of that row, there will be no further space along that wall for others to ask to do the same; I am therefore confident this will not set a trend.

I thank you in advance for your serious consideration of this matter and very much hope you will find it in your hearts to grant us this final request.

Kind regards
Christine Aymard-Fairclough
Toby's mum

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BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL**ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****MONDAY 20 JULY 2015**

Agenda Item no. **7**

Committee Chairman: **Cllr. R Newell**

Contact Officer: **Mr Christopher Robson**
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Background

One of the Council's eight core objectives, as stated in its Strategic and Business Plans, is to 'Maintain, improve and expanded our green and open spaces'. It was decided that an effective way of measuring our success would be the achievement of Green Flag Status for our parks and cemetery.

The purpose of this report is to establish if the Council currently meets the criteria for the award and if not what action needs to be taken.

What is a Green Flag Award?

The Green Flag Award is the national standard for parks and green spaces in England and Wales. The award scheme began in 1996 as a means of recognising and rewarding the best green spaces in the country.

It was also seen as a way of encouraging others to achieve the same high environmental standards, creating a benchmark of excellence in recreational green areas.

Some parks in the area that have achieved Green Flag Status are;

Milton Keynes – Eagleston Local Park
 Leon Recreational Ground
 Chepstow Local Park

Aylesbury - Vale Park
 Bedgrove Park

Oxford has eight green flag Parks, a mixture of public and university campus.

How is a Green Flag Awarded?

Green Flag Award applications are judged against eight key criteria.

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| 1. A welcoming place | 5. Conservation and heritage |
| 2. Healthy, safe and secure | 6. Community involvement |
| 3. Clean and well maintained | 7. Marketing |
| 4. Sustainability | 8. Management |

Judges from Green Flag note that all green spaces are different and diversity is welcomed. Each site is judged on its own merits and suitability to the community it serves.

Following an assessment of management plans and documents Green Flag judges visit the park for a tour and inspection. Awards are given on an annual basis and winners must apply each year to renew their Green Flag status.

Do Buckingham Council's Green Spaces meet the Criteria?

Please see Appendix A which is a table showing all criteria and sub criteria required to achieve Green Flag Status.

Since applying for Green Flag Status was last considered Buckingham Town Council has developed its green spaces and parks to the point where the Council is now successfully covering a lot of the sub criteria. After reviewing the application evidence summaries by Councils whose parks have achieved the award I believe we are in a good position to begin pursuing Green Flag Status.

As can be seen from Appendix A the areas which require attention are administration and information based, mainly marketing, management documentation and policy, rather than any of our green space practices.

In areas where we are not likely to completely meet sub criteria, such as eliminating peat use, we are in a good position to argue we strive to use the minimal possible. This has been the case with other parks which have achieved status.

Recommendation

It is recommended the Council agree that the Deputy Town Clerk begin addressing areas where the Council currently falls short of the criteria, with the view of putting together an application for the Cemetery, Bourton and Chandos Parks.

Criteria	Do our Green Spaces have:	Do we meet Criteria	How we meet the standards	Action Required
A Welcoming Place <i>When approaching or entering the park/green space, the overall impression for any member of the community – regardless of the purpose of their visit – should be positive & inviting.</i>	Good and safe access	YES	Locked gates at Cemetery & Chandos, bollards at the entrances to Bourton stop vehicles accessing the park. Younger play park in Bourton and Ken Tagg have safety gates and fencing. There are numerous entrances to the parks.	NONE
	Good signage to and in the park/green space	YES	New signage recently agreed and signs ordered	NONE - Already in progress
	Equal access for all members of the community	YES	All of our parks are accessible, although there may be some access issues with path quality in the cemetery.	Long term plans for new paths should address this. Pursue path works in the cemetery and parks.
Healthy, Safe & Secure <i>Park/green space must be a healthy, safe and secure place for all members of the community to use. Any issues that have come to light must be addressed in the management plan and implemented on the ground. New issues that arise must be addressed promptly and appropriately</i>	Equipment and facilities must be safe to use	YES	All equipment in the park is thoroughly inspected by both the Council and contractors (CGM) to ensure it is safe and does not pose a hazard to the users of the facility. Weekly park checks ensure park facilities are safe and well kept.	NONE
	It must be a secure place for all members of the community to use or traverse	PARTIAL	Lighting exists in both parks, with housing adjacent to large stretches of the path. Paths are kept clear and hedgerows and shrubbery is well maintained. CCTV in Chandos. We work closely with police to address any problems.	I am unsure whether anything further could be done physically. The Parks Management plan should address the issue of maintaining street lighting.
	Dog fouling must be Adequately addressed	YES	Adequate provision of bins, including allocated annual budget for renewal & instillation of additional. Future budget takes into account growing town. Agreement with AVDC for regular collection.	NONE
	Health & safety policies should be in place, in practice and regularly reviewed	YES	Both the Town Council and contractors have health and safety policies in place to deal with all expected eventualities.	NONE
	Toilets, drinking water, first aid, public telephones & emergency equipment where relevant should be available in or near the park/green space, and be clearly signposted.	YES	Limited. Main items are Chandos Toilets and life rings next to the river. All are maintained and sign posted.	NONE
Clear and well Maintained <i>For aesthetic as well as health and safety reasons, issues of cleanliness and maintenance must be adequately addressed; in particular:</i>	Litter and waste management	YES	Contracts established for refuse collection. Adjusted during busy periods (Summer)	NONE
	Maintenance of grounds, buildings, equipment and other features	YES	All structural features with the parks are maintained and covered by park checks process. Includes Chandos toilets, MUGAs, bridges and play areas. External maintenance contracts in place.	NONE
	A policy on litter, vandalism and maintenance should be in place and regularly reviewed	NO	No specific policy is in place.	Creation of a policy - to be included in the Parks Management Plan
Sustainability <i>Methods used in maintaining the park/green space and its facilities should be environmentally sound, relying on best practices available according to current knowledge. Management should be aware of the range of techniques available to them, and demonstrate that informed choices have been made and are regularly reviewed. Parks/green spaces should:</i>	Have an environmental policy or charter and management strategy in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed	PARTIAL	A comprehensive Parks Policy document was created in 2008, and an existing Environmental Policy was agreed in 2012.	This would require some adjustments and incorporation into an overall Management Plan.
	Minimise and justify pesticide use	YES	Buckingham Town Council uses the minimum possible. Council target spots hard surfaces, rather than any large scale or blanket spraying. Restricted use.	None
	Eliminate horticultural peat use	PARTIAL	Buckingham uses minimal possible, but external providers may use higher levels of peat. May not be impossible to eliminate completely at present.	Providers of planters and baskets to confirm the level of peat used in what is provided to Buckingham
	Recycle waste plant material	YES	We currently recycle waste and recycle and use green waste wherever possible. An environmental policy is in place.	NONE

	Demonstrate high horticultural and arboriculture standards	PARTIAL	The Grounds maintenance team and contractors carry out a high standard of maintenance and our management plans address the parks and their sustainability	Build into Management Plan
	Have energy conservation, pollution reduction, waste recycling, and resources conservation measures	YES	Existing Environmental Policy.	NONE
Conservation and Heritage <i>Particular attention should be paid to the conservation and appropriate management of:</i>	Natural features, wildlife and fauna	YES	Investment in Pond Survey, creation of the wildflower paddock, river rinses etc	NONE
	Landscapes	PARTIAL	The Council has strived to ensure that all landscapes features are carefully and rigorously maintained. Natural conservation areas include river and ponds. The Council has created a wildflower paddock.	Further work may be required on the ponds project.
	Buildings and structural features	YES	Buckingham has minimal buildings and structures. Consisted of Chandos toilets, MUGAs, bridges and play areas.	Ensure procedure and practice is included in Parks Management Plan
	These should serve their function well without placing undue pressure on the surrounding environment	YES	Areas are limited. I believe we are meeting criteria.	NONE
Community Involvement <i>The park/green space management should actively pursue the involvement of members of the community who represent as many park/green space user groups as possible. The following should be demonstrated:</i>	Knowledge of user community and levels and patterns of use	NO	At present we have not established an accurate way to measure park usage	Establish way of measuring and recording.
	Evidence of community involvement in management and/or developments and results achieved	PARTIAL	Funded and work with Railway walk group. Consultation on Ken Tagg Play area and Ponds Survey.	Document and provide evidence to assessors. Look at ways at increasing involvement.
	Appropriate levels of provision of recreational facilities for all sectors of the community	YES	Buckingham parks have a good mix of areas and facilities. Separate play parks are provided for different age groups and the trim trail and MUGAS have provided active areas for people of various ages, as have picnic areas and seating.	NONE
Marketing	A marketing plan or strategy should be in place, which is in practice and regularly reviewed	NO	Because of the use and set up of the parks and cemetery marketing in the true sense of the word is unnecessary. Majority of marketing occurs through events.	Draw up marketing plan, including events in parks and support offered to Park Runs.
	There should be good provision of information to users, e.g. about management strategies, activities, features, ways to get involved	NO	Some information is available on the website, however not a great deal at present.	Publication of Parks Management Plan
	Park/Green space should be promoted as a community resource	PARTIAL	Information is available on website; however we may need to promote specific items, such as the MUGAs/Trim Trail to a greater extent.	Form part of marketing plan in Parks Management Plan and actively promote MUGA/Trim Trail
Management	A management plan or strategy should be in place	PARTIAL	Parks management plans have been drawn up. However, reviewing examples of existing management plans for parks which have achieved Green Flag Status suggests they need to be more detailed including all above criteria	Pull together parks and cemetery management plans into a comprehensive document. Cover all of the award requirement areas
	This should clearly and adequately address all of the above criteria and any other relevant aspects of the park/green space's management	NO	Current management plans do not cover all of the above criteria	
	The plan must be actively implemented and regularly reviewed	Partial	Parks are managed in line with existing management documents	Ensure new Parks Management Document is workable
	A financially sound management of the park/green space must also be demonstrated	Partial	This exists via our precept and budget planning.	Document as part of Parks Management Document

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 20th July 2015.**Agenda item no:** 8**Contact Officer:** Christopher WaymanDog Bin Provision**Background:**

Members have requested a review and survey of the dog bins within the town. As a result a map has been produced (attached). The darker smaller circle has a radius of 50 metres from the dog bin while the paler circle has a radius of 125m. Members were concerned with the amount of dog fouling within the town centre and areas where a large amount of children are walking through. As can be seen from the map the town centre itself does not have dog bins (this could be due to the lack of green space in the main area). However, the green areas surrounding the town centre have very good provision. In addition where there is a large footfall of children expected the green spaces at these venues (e.g. the parks) or near the schools has good provision.

Information:

There are a number of potential sites for increasing the amount of dog bins. These all have various possible benefits however, it will be difficult to measure these without doing a further proper study into dog fouling in the town. Dog bins cost approximately £250 for the installation. Furthermore there is an ongoing maintenance cost. Currently, depending on usage, dog bins are emptied either 72 or 104 times a year and receive a cleanse. This results in a cost of £73.53 or £104.57 per bin depending on the amount of emptying.

Castle House – the green area to the rear is fairly large and is a space where dogs can run about on, it is also sometimes used as a cut through to the town a bin could be placed at either the Overn Crescent end or the Western Avenue side.

Stowe Avenue – A bin could be placed on the green area where it adjoins Brackley Road. While the green area does not appear to be used too much by dog walkers but is a route into the town centre. There was previously a dog fouling problem on Brackley Road which a bin situated here may of helped alleviate. It would be cost effective to choose either this site or the Western Avenue side of Castle House.

The Pightle – This is close to the town centre on a route into town but has only a very small green space so it is unclear how much it is used by dog walkers.

Holloway Spinney – There is a gap in provision of dog bins on Page Hill, Holloway Spinney is a popular walking and dog walking spot but with no provision. A bin could be situated at one of the entrances along Hilltop Avenue.

Bone Hill – While there are other dog bins present in the area of Mount Pleasant there is none on this side. Bone Hill has a few grassed areas and is used as a cut through to other areas. Placing the bin at the Gawcott Hill would provide a dog bin on a pathway which may be used more frequently following the development of the Tingewick Road Triangle.

Tingewick Road East – Upon the new estate there will be a green area towards the river and it appears that this will be the main quick dog walking place for the estate. It would be prudent to agree for installation before the estate is too busy and there is a problem already in place.

Recommendation:

That it is agreed that dog bins are purchased for:

Castle House (Overn Avenue end)
Stowe Avenue
Holloway Spinney
Bone Hill (Gawcott Road end)
Tingewick Road East

BUCKINGHAM TOWN COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MONDAY 20th JULY 2015.

Agenda item no: 9

Contact Officer: Lee Phillips

Table Tennis Table Location

Background:

A suggestion was made that to look into the possibility of having a permanent table tennis table located in one of our parks

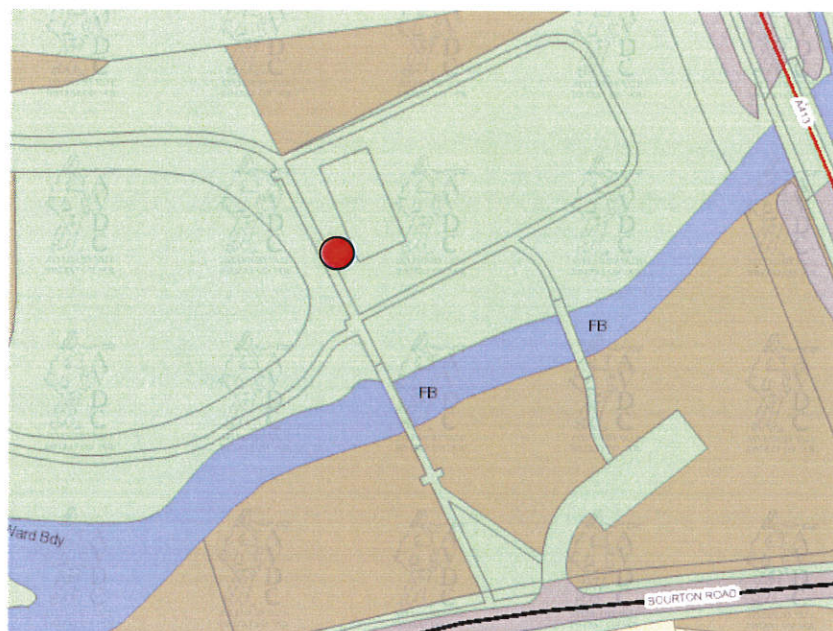
Information:

The location of a proposed must be carefully considered it ideally needs to be in a reasonably sheltered location, not under trees and with enough room around the table (8mx4m minimum).

The table would be constructed of concrete for durability, set onto concrete bases with rubber grass matting installed either end to add grip and try to alleviate erosion.



After consideration the most suitable location for an outdoor table would be next to the new MUGA in Bourton Park (red circle).



The approximate cost of a table is:

Table:	£1600
Delivery and installation:	£600
Grass safety matting:	£120
Concrete base	£200
Total:	£2,520

Recommendation:

That a concrete table tennis table is purchased and installed at the agreed location with the funds coming from Parks Development in earmarked reserves (901/9035)

Green Spaces Manager

From: Robert Rowlands [mailto:robert.rowlands@buckingham-tc.gov.uk]
Sent: 26 May 2015 11:23
To: greenspaces@buckingham-tc.gov.uk
Cc: Hilary Baxter
Subject: MUGA Chandos Park Health Risk

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Hi Lee

Hope you are well and not too over worked.

As you might have noticed we've made a number of improvements at the tennis club and we've just run a junior open day event this weekend which was attended by over 60 children.

Our coach has in the region of 90 children attending his coaching sessions and is currently looking at running cardio tennis sessions for adults in the near future so everything is progressing well on that front.

There are a couple issue which you need to be made aware of and is probably something you need to raise with the Town Council. It relates to the MUGA court and how it was constructed. No provision was made to ensuring that balls stay with in the confines of the court. As a result they often go into the grounds of the old football field which is now owned by Buckingham University. Occasional they end up in the tennis courts. We renewed the fencing as part of our ongoing improvements to the security of the courts.

Youngsters are now climbing over the wooden perimeter fence to the football field at a point where the corner of the tennis club fence meets. Damage is being caused to our fencing people climb it and there is a very real risk that someone will fall and injure themselves. We would ask that better provision be made to prevent balls from leaving the confines of the MUGA court eliminating this problem.

The second request we have is that would like a hedge planted along the side of the tennis courts which runs next to the tennis courts. This would help with the security and provide some privacy both for the people who use the courts and the MUGA.

Thirdly there are no signs in the park that indicates that it is an alcohol free zone. Some pathetic attempts were made with laminated signs which have either been defaced or torn down. If you are serious about enforcing this legislation proper signs need to be made and installed high up to reinforce the message.

Lastly I understand there is a proposal to install a concrete table tennis table in the park and was wondering whether we as a club might be consulted as to where it might be sited.

As always happy to talk to you in person or meet you at the club house if it's easier for you to talk through these issues.

Many thanks

Robert

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Subject: Re: Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty - June 2015

Lots of useful information here, should we add an item to next Environment Agenda to see whether there is anything further we can do as a Town Council?

Kind regards, Ruth

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Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2015 9:48 AM

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Subject: FW: Rural Vulnerability Service - Fuel Poverty - June 2015

From: Rural Services Network [mailto:newsletters=rsnonline.org.uk@mail75.atl91.mcsv.net] **On Behalf Of** Rural Services Network

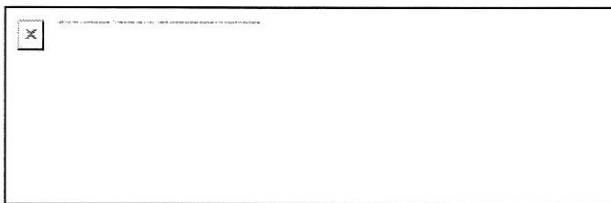
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Welcome to the latest fuel poverty newsletter from the Rural Vulnerability Service - brought to you by the Rural Services Network and Calor.

Limited options for fuel in rural localities - many of which lack mains gas - make efficient fuel use and insulation particularly important for countryside communities.

In addition, rural residents face the challenges of lower average wages, an ageing population and single-skin, solid wall or non-cavity wall properties.

The Rural Services Network believes the national picture must not mask this extra rural dimension.

Latest updates:

Fuel poverty: One in 10 households struggle

28 May 2015

Latest Government figures show 2.35 million households would need to spend more than 10 per cent of their income to properly heat their homes (Daily Mirror)

Give councils fuel poverty role - Citizens Advice

29 May 2015

Responsibility for fuel poverty should be devolved to councils, who could better coordinate existing schemes, Citizens Advice has suggested. (Public Finance)

Fuel poverty hits 11.8% of homes

30 May 2015

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This focus continues today with 75 per cent of Calor's business in the British countryside. Calor supports efforts to tackle climate change and fuel poverty.

As an energy provider, it wants rural property owners to have a strong voice in the energy efficiency debate – and the same opportunity to reduce their carbon emissions and fuel costs as exists in urban on-grid areas.



For UK National Statistics on fuel poverty, please click [here](#).



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RSN Fuel Poverty News

> [Oil thieves target rural homes](#)

> [Ministers 'shift' fuel poverty goalposts](#)

> [Green energy for rural](#)

National Energy Action charity calls for reinstatement of Treasury funding to tackle fuel poverty.
(Huddersfield Examiner)

One in ten find fuel bills a struggle

28 May 2015

One in 10 households in England are struggling with their fuel bills, official figures show. (Wiltshire Times)

UK energy debt rises to £500m

3 June 2015

The number of households in debt to their energy company is estimated to have grown by 260,000 since last year despite recent cuts to tariffs.
(Yorkshire Post)

Action plan to help cut winter health risks

9 June 2015

WE might fast be approaching summer, but the authorities are busy planning how to keep people safe this winter. (Telegraph and Argus)

Fuel vouchers launched for poorest homes

29 May 2015

Vouchers for electricity and gas will be given to people considered most in need as part of a "fuel bank" trial in Gloucester. (BBC Online)

Council tackles fuel poverty

26 May 2015

FUEL poverty is being eradicated in Middlewich according to Cheshire East Council. (Middlewich Guardian)

'Oldies' take fuel poverty message to British Gas

residents

- > Views sought on local energy schemes
- > Perks to allow fracking?

RSN Case Studies

- > Helping residents stay warm
- > Fuel poverty on a budget
- > Insulating solid wall homes

Government

announcements

- > Action to help with energy bills
- > Warm home fund helped residents
- > Helping households cut energy bills
- > Latest fuel poverty report
- > Davey to tackle fuel poverty

RSN reports and statistics

- > Rural and urban fuel poverty
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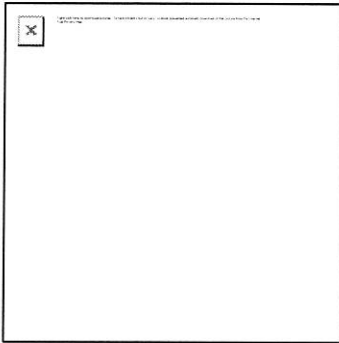
Useful Organisations:

- > Citizens Advice
- > End Fuel Poverty Coalition
- > Energy UK
- > Fuel Poverty Advisory Group
- > Health Housing & Fuel Poverty Forum
- > National Energy Action

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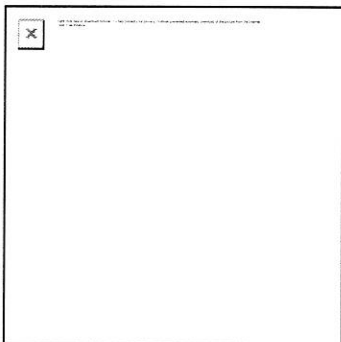
PROTESTERS dressed up as old people to demonstrate in Oxford yesterday over fuel poverty.

(Oxford Times)



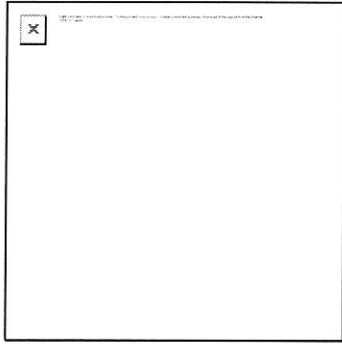
Rural Fuel Poverty

With this tool, you can search, find and download maps and data to quantify rural fuel poverty in your area.



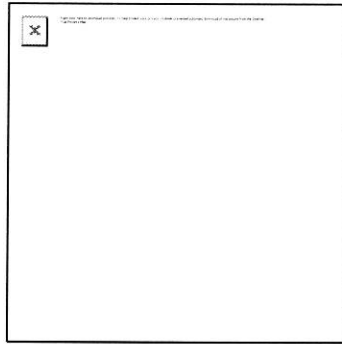
In the Community

Calor has a long history of supporting not only the local areas in which it works, but also the rural communities it serves.



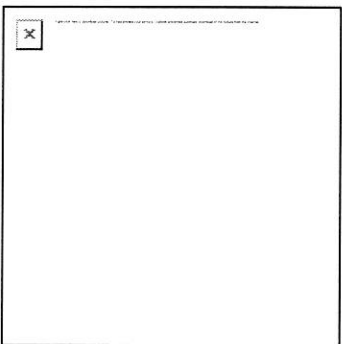
FREE Yr 1 Report

An overview of the Calor FREE programme.



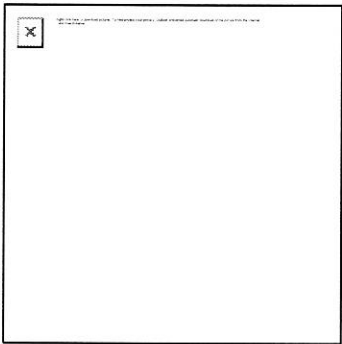
Fuel Poverty Map

Calor worked with the Commission for Rural Communities to match fuel poverty data with areas of England off mains gas.



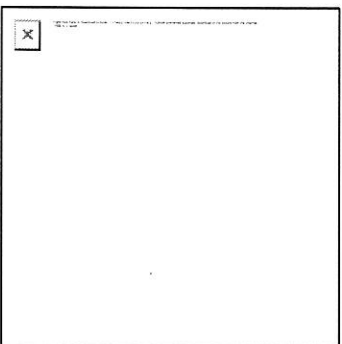
FREE conclusions

Rural communities are left behind and ignored in the drive for energy efficiency improvements.



Rural Energy

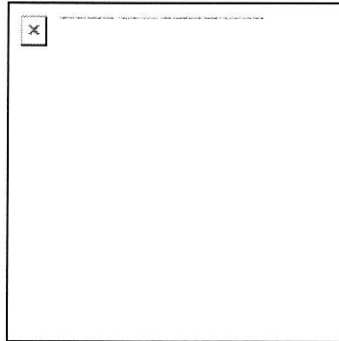
FREE is a three year £1m initiative to tackle fuel poverty and promote energy efficiency in off-gas grid communities.



FREE Yr 2 Report

An overview of year two

of the FREE
programme.



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